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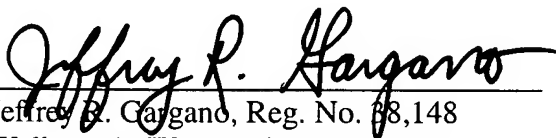
Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment the Applicant has canceled claims 1-14, and presented new claims 15-45. No new matter has been added by the above amendment.

A check in the amount of \$370.00 is enclosed for the additional fee required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated therewith to Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

Respectfully submitted,

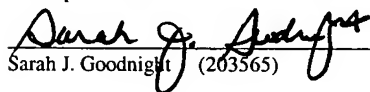
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